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TOKYO FOR MR. NOONAN FROM ARTHUR DORNHEIM

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SUBJECT: INDONESIAN LNG FOR CALIFORNIA

1. FPC ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE ISSUED INITIAL DECISION
JULY 22 FAVORING PACIFIC LIGHTING PROJECT. COPY OF
DECISION WILL BE POUCHED.
2. DECISION APPROVES AUTOMATIC PRICE AND CURRENCY ADJUST-
MENT PASS-THROUGHS, AS WELL AS COVERAGE OF MINIMUM COSTS
(DEBT AND EQUITY FINANCING). O'ROURKE OF SOCAL GAS
PLEASED, EVEN THOUGH DECISION WILL REQUIRE SOME FURTHER
RE NEGOTIATIONS OF CONTRACT (E.G., ON SHIPPING PAYMENTS).
3. ATTORNEYS FOR PARTIES AT INTEREST HAVE UNTIL AUGUST 21
TO FILE EXCEPTIONS TO DECISION AND ANOTHER 20 DAYS (TILL
SEP 10) TO FILE REPLIES TO EXCEPTIONS. DOSSIER THEN GOES
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TO FULL COMMISSION.

4. AT THIS POINT THERE MAY BE NO EFFECTIVE COMMISSION TO
TAKE UP THE DOSSIER. THERE ARE NOW ONLY THREE
COMMISSIONERS. TWO OF THESE MAY WELL RESIGN WHENEVER
ENERGY LEGISLATION CREATING DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND NEW
FPC WITHIN IT IS PASSED AND SENT TO PRESIDENT. MAY TAKE A

WHILE FOR ONE LIKELY HOLDOVER COMMISSIONER TO BE

REAPPOINTED AND TO BE JOINED BY FOUR OTHER NEW COMMISSIONERS AND FOR THEM TO ESTABLISH THEIR NEW PROCEDURES.

5. INITIAL DECISION CONTAINS SEED OF A FEDERAL-STATE JURISDICTIONAL PROBLEM. ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE STATED HE PREFERRED OXNARD OVER POINT CONCEPCION AS TERMINAL SITE. IF CALIFORNIA SELECTS OR MANDATES POINT CONCEPCION (SEE BELOW), HOWEVER, FPC WOULD HAVE TO DECIDE WHETHER TO TRY TO PRE-EMPT THE STATE'S CHOICE. POSSIBLE IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES THAT COMMISSION MAY DECIDE NOT TO FORCE ITS WILL UPON CALIFORNIA.

6. O'ROURKE REPORTS CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE CLOSES ITS SESSION BY SEPTEMBER 15 AND LEADERSHIP PLANS TO HAVE A LNG TERMINAL SITING BILL PASSED BY THEN. PACIFIC LIGHTING FAVORS BILL SPONSORED BY SENATOR ALQUIST WHICH LEAVES TO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION CONSIDERABLE DISCRETION TO CHOOSE SITE. ASSEMBLYMAN GOGGIN'S BILL STATES THAT OFFSHORE SITE IS PREFERRED, BUT THEN MANDATES IN SOME DETAIL FEATURES WHICH ON-SHORE TERMINAL SITE SHOULD HAVE. HEARINGS ON TWO BILLS WILL START FIRST WEEK IN AUGUST. VANCE

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